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Information on the KVP Infantry Officer Candidate School in Naumburg

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1. The KVP Infantry Officer Candidate School, officially designated KVP-A-Offizierschule Naumburg, was located at the former Kavallerie Schule on Koesener Strasse in Naumburg.

2. Prior to 31 August 1953, the school was organized as follows:

	Officers	NCOs	PM
Headquarters	10		
Cadre Company	6	30	30
1st through 4th Companies (second year of training) each	6	1	112
5th through 8th Companies (first year of training) each	6	1	112
9th Company (newly arrived students)	1	1	26

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Major Danneberg , chief of staff and chief of training;  
 Senior Lieutenant Banss , inspector for tactics;  
 Senior Lieutenant Traeger , inspector for tactics;  
 Senior Lieutenant Teeger , inspector for tactics (was transferred  
 to the E-Offizierschule in Torgau on 19 September 1953);  
 Major Henzel , chief inspector for marksmanship;  
 Captain Boggemann , inspector for marksmanship;  
 Lieutenant Zabke , inspector for marksmanship;  
 Lieutenant Werner , inspector for engineer matters;  
 Senior Lieutenant Clinkemann , CO, 1st Company;  
 Lieutenant Scheithauer , CO, 5th Company;  
 Senior Lieutenant Muecke , CO, 8th Company;  
 Lieutenant Wunderlich , CO, 9th Company.

Major General Johnne of the Ministry of the Interior frequently  
 inspected the school. 2

4. Weapons available to the installation included 2 model-42 45-mm AT guns; 2 x 57-mm AT guns; 4 model-43 medium mortars; 2 model-38 heavy machine guns; 12 model-Maxim machine guns; 60 model-28 light machine guns; 650 model-41 carbines; 150 model-41 submachine guns; 30 model-W-33 pistols; 70 model-03 pistols for officers. Twelve ammunition cartons each measuring 3x1.5x1 meters were available on the premises of the installation. All of them were sealed; 10 contained infantry and mortar ammunition.
5. Motor vehicles available at the installation included:  
 4 model-H-3-A trucks; 5 sedans and 3 model-EWN motorcycles.
6. Ten percent of the students belonged to the 1935 class, 50 percent to the 1934 class; 25 percent to the 1933 class, 10 percent to the 1932 class, while the remainder belonged to older classes. About 65 percent of the students had served for up to three years, 30 percent for 3 to 5 years, while 5 percent had served longer than five years. Ten percent of the students came from Saxony-Anhalt, 20 percent from Saxony, 5 percent from Thuringia, 60 percent from Mecklenburg and 5 percent from Brandenburg. About 20 percent of the students were reliable SED men, 40 percent were indifferent while 40 percent were secret opponents of the regime.
7. Only one Soviet advisor, a colonel from Alma Ata who wore a KVP uniform, was attached to the school.

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1. [ ] Comment. Previously the students of officer candidate schools returned to their respective units after passing an examination and after being promoted to junior Lieutenant. It is believed that the 450 trainees who were returned prematurely were unsuited for further training at an officer candidate school. There is a possibility that the standards to be fulfilled by trainees have been raised. In any event it appears improbable that only a reduced number of officers is required, because the companies of this school are scheduled to be brought again to full strength.

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2. [ ] Comment. Major General Johnne is known to be the chief of the administration for military schools at the Ministry of the Interior/KVP. Most of the officers mentioned were previously known as having the assignments stated.

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